

## NEW COAL SAVING SCHEME IN BRITAIN

Sixteen Great Power Stations Will Supply United Kingdom.

LONDON, Jan. 19.—(Correspondence The Associated Press)—To effect a saving in coal and its by-products officially estimated at £100,000,000 a year, the British Ministry of Reconstruction has approved a scheme for supplying all industries in Great Britain with cheap electric power, generated at big "super-power stations," not more than sixteen for the whole of the country. The scheme is one of the most ambitious that has yet been worked out to enable the country to recover from the economic losses of the war. Its details are given in a report from the Coal Conservation committee of the Ministry of Reconstruction.

The amount of coal used to produce industrial power in the United Kingdom is about 50,000,000 tons yearly. The new project, it is claimed, would enable the same amount of power to be produced with an expenditure of only 25,000,000 tons, and the 55,000,000 tons saved would represent not only economy in mining, but also a significant economy in transport. The committee, however, does not believe that the change will mean the mining of less coal, but rather that Great Britain will enormously increase its amount of industrial horsepower, and the extent to which this can be used. It is explained, in one of the main conditions necessary for a general rise in national standards of life.

The committee's proposals rest on the assumption that electricity is the most economical and convenient form in which to apply power to industry, and that the only way to generate electricity cheaply is to generate it on a very large scale. The report only anticipates what electricity plants have been doing for years as the natural electrical development in a country like Great Britain, which is small in area, closely settled, and rich in coal. In view of these conditions, Great Britain is regarded as the country in all the world best situated to profit from such a national monopoly of power.

The question in controversy is who is to own and manage the monopoly. The committee recommends that the sixteen "super-power stations" should be owned and managed by private companies with a national body of government commissioners controlling them on behalf of the state, much after the model of the present state-control of the British railways. Several of the London newspapers take exception to this arrangement, declaring that the scheme must be run by and for the state.

The committee's report says in part: "The committee proposes to supply all our industries with electricity generated at big super-power stations, and to eliminate or combine all smaller stations. The primary object is to economize our coal supplies. The saving in coal, together with the saving of the by-products now wasted by the burning of coal in open grates and boiler furnaces would mean £100,000,000 a year."

**BITS OF INFORMATION.**  
The United States has paid Canary Island growers during 1917, for onion seeds a lone \$127,000, the largest amount ever passing between the two places for one kind of seed.

Cactus is used by Louisiana cane growers in the manufacture of a new candy. The peel of the spineless cactus is dipped in hot molasses and coated with sugar.

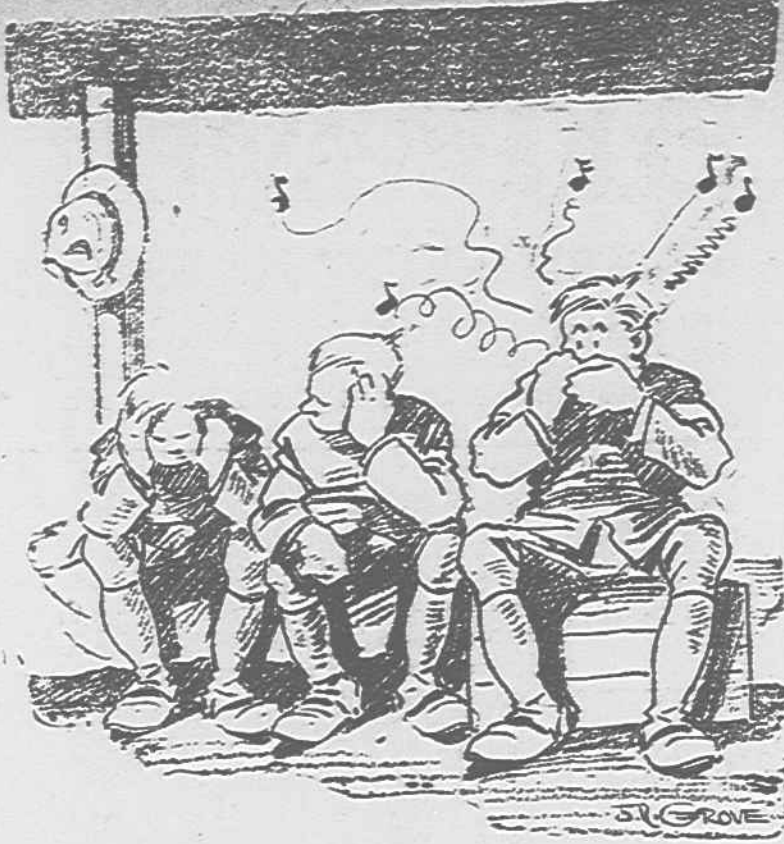
One American concern is now turning out indigo at the rate of a ton a day, and will be in position to continue to manufacture it after the war in the face of German competition.

One of the finest ranches in Nebraska is "1733 Ranch" near Kearney. The ranch is exactly 1733 miles from San Francisco and from Boston, Mass., being in the center of the continent, east and west.

Three Russian famines of recent date were among the most severe in the history of the country. They occurred in 1891, 1906 and 1911.

The mustard family contains more than 2,000 species and includes cabbage, cauliflower, turnips, horseradish, stocks, sweet alyssum and wallflower.

## COMEDIES OF CAMP LEE



"Herb, how long 'fore we git to shootin' real bullets?"

## BITS OF STATE NEWS

It is said by farmers that potato cavers, collars and other receptacles have been stored for years without freezing, have succumbed to the ravages of Jack Frost during the severe cold weather we have been having, and an examination has revealed the fact that many of their vegetables were frozen, and it is feared that the loss on potatoes will be large, says the West Virginia Record.

The West Virginia News, printed at Roncoveite notes that N. B. McDowell, of near that city, has received acknowledgment from the War department at Washington of a valued suggestion made by him along the line of defeating the enemy in battle. He is advised that the suggestion has been placed in the secret archives of the department for such use as might be made of it by the army.

According to the many friends of Ben Rosenbloom, state senator from the First West Virginia district, says the Wheeling Telegraph, the colonel intends to shortly cast his hat into the ring for the Republican nomination for United States senator.

M. P. Shawkey, state superintendent of schools and state treasurer of the Y. M. C. A., war work fund raised in the recent campaign in West Virginia, last Thursday wrote a check for \$100,000, made payable to the National War Work Council of Y. M. C. A. The check was mailed out that morning. It was the second check that has been sent to the national council by Mr. Shawkey, the first having been for the sum of \$50,000, written December 7. About \$30,000 remains in the state fund to be remitted later.

In last Thursday's issue the Mounds

## DON'T MESS WITH GREASY OINTMENTS

Noxzema is So Much Nicer, Cleaner, and Quicker. You Can Feel It Heal.

Rev. Dr. Faulconer, 1821 St. Paul St. Baltimore, says: "Noxzema surpasses anything I have ever used for any irritation of the skin."

Apply a little Noxzema Skin Cream to that injured or diseased skin, relief comes immediately and you do not have to bother with a bandage for Noxzema is not greasy and is absorbed right into the skin making it feel like velvet. Try it in place of your favorite salve, ointment or cold cream, you will find it much nicer, cleaner and better or your money will be refunded.

The Holt Drug Company sells it in 25c and 50c jars or postpaid by the Noxzema Chem. Co., 1810 N. Charles St., Balto.

## MONONGAH

**Knights to Meet.**  
The Black Diamond lodge No. 72 Knights of Pythias will meet at their hall this evening for a special meeting. Among the visitors will be the Grand Chancellor Jas. W. Robinson. Following the meeting there will be a smoker. The special meeting has been announced by William Fleming, Chancellor commander.

**Recovering.**  
Mrs. Frank Less is gradually recovering from a serious operation performed at Cook hospital. The operation was in every way successful.

**Many Attended.**  
The box supper given at the headquarters of the local chapter of Red Cross yesterday evening was a grand success. Proceeds amount approximately to \$90.

**May Close Mine.**  
Employees of the Consolidation Coal Company are all ready to cement the mouth of Mine No. 2 if such is necessary. The high water is yet several

## SPECIAL NOTICES

### SPECIAL RECEIVER'S SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Pursuant to decrees of the Circuit Court of Marion county, West Virginia, entered on the 10th day of February, 1915, and the 15th day of July, 1915, in the chancery cause therein pending of R. L. Cunningham, plaintiff, vs. W. H. Omen, and others, defendants, the undersigned Special Receiver will, on SATURDAY, THE 24 DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1918, at the front door of the court house of Marion county, West Virginia, in Fairmont, Marion county, West Virginia, sell to the highest and best bidder therefor, at public auction, in bulk or in lots or parcels, all the following described personal property and choses in action, now held by him as such Special Receiver, belonging to the estate of W. H. Omen or to W. H. Omen's Music Store, that is to say: All book accounts owing by various persons to said W. H. Omen or W. H. Omen's Music Store, aggregating about \$35.86.

Notes and checks aggregating about \$260.00.

Terms of Sale: Cash in hand on day of sale.

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Z. F. DAVIS, Special Receiver.

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feet from the mouth of the mine.

Personal.

Arthur Shaver was in Fairmont for a short while this morning attending to business.

Eugene Orr was among the Monongah social visitors to Fairmont yesterday evening.

Mrs. Walter Addis was in Fairmont during the week.

Birch Davis was among the Monongah business transactors to Fairmont yesterday.

Miss Ruth Keim spent the week end in Monongah with friends.

E. Kuster of Poplar Bluff, Mo., invested heavily in tin cans and tomato plants, and all his summer labor was rewarded by a short crop which left most of his 10,000 tin cans empty.

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